(ख) योजना आयोग ने अनुमान लगाया है कि वर्ष 1995-96 के दौरान 17 राज्य बिजली बोर्डों की वाणिज्यिक हानियां ग्रामीण विद्युतीकरण आर्थिक सहायता को हिसाब में न लेते हुए लगभग 6511 करोड़ रुपये होगी।

(ग) और (घ) राज्य बिजली बोर्डों की हानियों को कम करने के उपायों के सम्बन्ध में विभिन्न वर्गों से सुझाव प्राप्त हुए हैं। इनमें, अन्य बातों के साथ-साथ कृषि टैरिफ समेत टैरिफ का यौक्तिकरण, ग्रामीण विद्युतीकरण आर्थिक सहायता का समय से भुगतान करना, पारेषण एवं वितरण हानियों में कमी करना, संयंत्र भार अनुपात में सुधार करना, प्रबन्ध सम्बन्धी पद्धतियों को सरल और कारगर बनाना, राज्य विद्युत क्षेत्र के पुनर्गठन आदि के सम्बन्ध में सिफारिशें की गई हैं।

Refund orders pending with I.T. Department

129. SHRI RAJ NATH SINGH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there are a number of cases regarding issue of refund orders pending with the Income Tax Department for assessment years 1987-88 to 1994-95 year-wise and circle-wise;

(b) if so, what are the reasons for such delay; and

(c) by when the assessment of those assesses who have overpaid income tax amount is likely to be completed and refunds issued to them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M.V. CHANDRASHEKHAR MURTHY): (a) to (c) There are more than three thousand assessing officers deployed on assessment work through out the country. The information sought for relates to 8 assessment years. The labour put in will not be commensurate to the results sought to be achieved. However, the Central Board of Direct Taxes have issued instructions from time to time to complete assessments expeditiously and issue refunds.

Violation of FERA

130. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: SHRI VIREN J. SHAH:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there have been any FERA violations by the Satellite channels in the country during the year 1994 and so far in 1995;

(b) if so, what are the details of such violations detected so far in respect of each Satellite channel;

(c) whether any of these Satellite channels have submitted any explanations about their funding to the Directorate of Enforcement; if so, what are the details thereof; and

(d) whether any action has been taken against the persons/officials involved in FERA violations and corrupt practices and if so; what are their names and the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M.V. CHANDRASHEKHAR MURTHY): (a) to (d) One case of suspected violation of the provisions of Foreign Exchange Regulation Act (F.E.R.A.) by a satellite channel based in Madras has been detected by the Enforcement Directorate in the year 1995. The amount involved in the case is Rs. 1.41 cores. The managing Director of the company was arrested and later on released on bail.

Funds to save DD from resource crunch

131. SHRI ANANTRAM JAISWAL: SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Ministry approached the Ministry of Finance for extra funds to save DD from resource crunch; and